

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**March 9, 2022**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Election Law to which was referred  
HB 1527-FN,**

**AN ACT relative to the storage of total vote counts  
produced by electronic ballot counting devices. Having  
considered the same, report the same with the following  
amendment, and the recommendation that the bill  
OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

**Rep. Paul Bergeron**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>Election Law</b>
Bill Number:	<b>HB 1527-FN</b>
Title:	<b>relative to the storage of total vote counts produced by electronic ballot counting devices.</b>
Date:	<b>March 9, 2022</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>CONSENT</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT 2022-0222h</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill, as amended, will require that municipalities that use the AccuVote electronic ballot counting device in a state election submit a paper copy of the long report tape to the Secretary of State with the official return of votes form. The Secretary of State already directs that clerks submit this report tape along with the return of votes (see *Election Procedures Manual*, p. 94-95); this bill would codify that directive. In addition, the bill as amended would require that the clerks also retain a copy of the long report tape with their copy of the official state election return. This bill would thus ensure that the AccuVote report tapes would be available for public inspection at the state or local level.

Vote 20-0.

Rep. Paul Bergeron  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

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Election Law

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1527-FN**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to the storage of total vote counts produced by electronic ballot counting devices.

**DATE:** March 9, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 306-308

**MOTIONS: OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT**

Moved by Rep. Bergeron                      Seconded by Rep. Ward                      AM Vote: 20-0

Amendment # 2022-0222h

Moved by Rep. Bergeron                      Seconded by Rep. Ward                      Vote: 20-0

**CONSENT CALENDAR: YES**

**Statement of Intent:**                      Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk



2022 SESSION

Election Law

Bill #: HB1529 Motion: OTP/A AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 3-9-22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman	✓		
MacDonald, Wayne D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J.	✓		
Sweeney, Joe	✓		
Hayward, Peter T.	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.	✓		
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk	✓		
Alexander, Joe H.	✓		
<del>Cote, David E</del> <u>Wendy Chase</u>	✓		
Ward, Gerald W.R.	✓		
Bergeron, Paul R.	✓		
<del>Sandler, Catt</del> <u>LINDA Massimilla</u>	✓		
Hamer, Heidi M.	✓		
Lane, Connie B.	✓		
Freitas, Mary C.	✓		
Hamblet, Joan L.	✓		
Muirhead, Russell	✓		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	





2022 SESSION

Election Law

Bill #: HB 1527

Motion: DTP

2022-222H  
 AM #:

Exec Session Date: 3/9/22

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman	✓		
MacDonald, Wayne D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J.	✓		
Sweeney, Joe	✓		
Hayward, Peter T.	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.	✓		
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk	✓		
Alexander, Joe H.	✓		
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Bergeron, Paul R.	✓		
<del>Sandler, Catt</del> <u>Massimilla</u>	✓		
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<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<u>20</u>	<u>8</u>	

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1527-FN**

**BILL TITLE:** relative to the storage of total vote counts produced by electronic ballot counting devices.

**DATE:** January 20, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 306                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 2:19pm

**Time Adjourned:** 2:31pm

**Committee Members:** Reps. B. Griffin, W. MacDonald, Wells, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Sweeney, Hayward, Torosian, Berry, Groen, Qualey, Alexander Jr., Cote, Ward, Bergeron, Sandler, Hamer, Lane, Freitas, Hamblet and Muirhead

**Bill Sponsors:**

**Rep. Yakubovich**

**Rep. Ankarberg**

**Rep. Verville**

**TESTIMONY**

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- After election, local election officials utilize an electronic ballot counting device scan transaction for SOS
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Rep. Bergeron

- Question: Explain what reports? Think machines can configure: Are you looking for codes?
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Alvin See

- Supports
- Good way for people (to) see over votes, show on individual races.

Rep. Torosian

- Question: What happen with tapes now? Don't know.
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1527-FN

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**DATE:** February 1, 2022

**LOB ROOM:** 306                      **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 2:19pm

**Time Adjourned:** 2:32pm

**Committee Members:** Reps. B. Griffin, W. MacDonald, Wells, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Sweeney, Hayward, Torosian, Berry, Groen, Qualey, Alexander Jr., Cote, Ward, Bergeron, Sandler, Hamer, Lane, Freitas, Hamblet and Muirhead

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**Rep. Torosian**

- Question: What happen with tapes now, Don't know.
- Answer: Town clerk keep copy with boxes sealed.
- Don't know if standard. I understand print 3 copies from each machine

**Ken Eyring**

- Important bill – help people view town and any anomalies. I know people went to every town, paper tapes lot of hours. Paper tapes towns send copy to SOS office, provides transparency.
- This information is available by 91A so not asking not available. Little more work SOS – Someone transcribe - breakdown each machine of town

**Chau Kelley**

- Supports

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rep. Natalie Wells**





# House Remote Testify

## Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB1527 on 2022-01-20

Support: 18 Oppose: 5 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City, State</u> <u>Email Address</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Non-Germane</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Hodgkins, Russell	Amherst, NH hodgkins_russ@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/14/2022 3:49 PM
Kudlik, Cindy	Grafton, NH CindyKudlik@protonmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/16/2022 11:01 AM
Greyes, Natch	Concord, NH ngreyes@nhmunicipal.org	A Lobbyist	New Hampshire Municipal Association	Oppose	No	No	1/17/2022 9:09 AM
Cauley, Elizabeth	Milford, NH b.cauley@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 11:12 AM
Mayo, Kathy	NOTTINGHAM, NH kathymayo2013@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 7:13 PM
Guyen, Taci	Windham, NH taci.guyen@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 7:45 PM
DeCaprio, Trish	Kensington, NH trishsoineann@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 9:03 PM
Laughner, Julie	Raymond, NH julieloughner@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 9:06 PM
Allard, Linda	Exeter, NH lindaallard@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 9:13 PM
Ferrantello, Anthony	Keene, NH ajfnino@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 9:21 PM
Rigazio, Sandra	Goffstown, NH newbeginning2@hushmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 11:19 PM
Melvin, Daniel	Auburn, NH DanMelvin@verizon.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/17/2022 11:32 PM
Jorgensen, Patricia	NORTHFIELD, NH yellaboat@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/18/2022 12:05 AM

Glassman, Barbara	Nashua, NH barbara.glassman@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/18/2022 1:26 AM
Bettencourt, Don	Sunapee, NH Don.Bettencourt@GMail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/18/2022 6:26 AM
Saba, Robin	CANDIA, NH rbrooks230@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/18/2022 3:08 PM
Frost, Sherry	Dover, NH s.frost@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/19/2022 9:05 AM
Richardson, Daniel	Nashua, NH daniel6_22@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/19/2022 2:21 PM
Anastasia, Patricia	Londonderry, NH patti.anastasia@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/19/2022 9:56 PM
Berger, Lisa	Bedford, NH Chillybergers@outlook.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/19/2022 11:08 PM
perez, maria	milford, NH mariaeli63@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	No	1/20/2022 9:41 AM
Ketteler, Claire	Newbury, NH cketteler@tds.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/20/2022 10:52 AM
Petrusewicz, Carol	Rochester, NH clmcc2befree@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No	1/20/2022 6:31 PM

**Archived:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:19:09 AM  
**From:** [Julie Laughner](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 8:57:50 PM  
**To:** [~House Election Law Committee](#)  
**Subject:** HB1470 and HB1527 - please vote OTP  
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear Committee members,  
Please vote OTP on these 2 bills. They would help restore election integrity in NH, which is of critical importance. Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Julie Laughner  
Raymond

## Carrie Morris

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**From:** Jesse Medeiros <bgtrck458@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:08 AM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** HB1527

Hello Committee members,

Please consider supporting this bill. It will provide necessary information for voter integrity concerns with minimal effort from the town clerks.

Jesse Medeiros  
[bgtrck458@gmail.com](mailto:bgtrck458@gmail.com)  
603-969-6302  
Call, Text, or Email, Thanks!

**Carrie Morris**

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**From:** Nancy Cuning <nancydecor@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:02 AM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** Support Bill HB 1527

Since getting rid of the machines is not on this bill, I support the transparency of this Bill.

Support Bill HB 1527

Thank you,

Nancy Cuning

## Carrie Morris

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**From:** Connie Roberts <connieroberts@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:15 AM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** HB1527

Dear House Election Law Committee Members:

I'm a registered voter in NH. I'm writing for your support of HB 1527 Voting Machine Paper Tapes and Results for Each Machine, for Each Town Published on NH SOS WEB Page. Our state needs this legislation. This legislation doesn't cost alot of money or time but will have a big, positive effect in increasing the NH citizens' confidence in our elections.

Respectfully,

Connie Roberts



**Carrie Morris**

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**From:** Terry <west5160@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 7:29 PM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** HB1527

Please support HB1537

Dear members,

Please support this bill !

There is no greater connection between us than our people being able to vote with integrity! If we don't have a belief in our government, all is lost.

Please uphold our wishes and support of the integrity of the our society!

Best,  
Theresa Chabot  
New Durham, NH

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

## Carrie Morris

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**From:** Debra Walker <alearose2008@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 7:25 PM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** HB 1527

Good morning,

Please **SUPPORT** this legislation.

WHY:

(1) This is an election integrity issue.

(2) Having access to the voting machine data is essential for NH residents to help validate the integrity of each town's election.

(3) It is extremely time consuming to travel to each town to obtain copies of the paper tapes for each voting machine.

(4) It would be minimal effort for a Town Clerk to produce scans and/or images of the paper tapes and provide them to the Secretary of State for posting on the SOS website.

Sincerely,

Debra Walker

Hooksett, NH

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

## Carrie Morris

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**From:** scott barr <scottbarr107@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 7:13 PM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** HB 1527

Dear Committee Members,

As you know voting integrity is the MOST important thing to ensure free and fair elections in our country. If we don't have a vote we don't have a country.

This is an election integrity issue.

Having access to the voting machine data is essential for NH residents to help validate the integrity of each town's election. It is extremely time consuming to travel to each town to obtain copies of the paper tapes for each voting machine. It would be minimal effort for a Town Clerk to produce scans and/or images of the paper tapes and provide them to the Secretary of State for posting on the SOS website.

Thank you,  
Lisa Barr

## **Carrie Morris**

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**From:** Donna F. <shimjung1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 7:37 PM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** HB1527

Dear Committee Leaders:

I strongly urge you to vote yes for bill HB1527 that requires voting machine data to be accessible for NH voters. Paper tapes and results on the NH citizen website should be made available and a Town Clerk can provide scans and/or images of the paper ballots data.

Thank you for voting yes for bill HB 1527.

We need to ensure NH voters that elections are transparent and fair.

Sincerely,

Donna Ferrantello, Ph.D.

84 Woodland Ave.

Keene, NH 03431

## **Carrie Morris**

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**From:** Anthony Ferrantello <ajfnino@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 9:27 PM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** NH House Remote Testify: 1:30 am - HB1527 in House Election Law

I urge you to vote in support of HB1527 because:

- (1) Having access to the voting machine data is essential for NH residents to help validate the integrity of each town's election.
- (2) It is extremely time consuming to travel to each town to obtain copies of the paper tapes for each voting machine.
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Thank You

Anthony Ferrantello

Keene, NH

## Carrie Morris

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**From:** J <lovestodance40@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 8:12 PM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** Please SUPPORT HB 1527

Dear Election Law Committee Members,

Would you please consider supporting HB 1527 for the following reasons:

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Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Respectfully,

Janice Hagenow  
Warner Resident

**Carrie Morris**

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**From:** Kathleen Brown <brown57kat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 12:00 PM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB1527

Hon. Committee Members:

Please SUPPORT HB1527 because it is an election integrity issue and:

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Thank you.

Kathleen Brown

Newport NH



**Archived:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:19:07 AM

**From:** [Connie Roberts](#)

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 8:18:20 AM

**To:** [~House Election Law Committee](#)

**Subject:** HB1527

**Importance:** Normal

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**Archived:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:19:09 AM

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**Subject:** HB1527

**Importance:** Normal

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**Archived:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:19:06 AM  
**From:** [Jesse Medeiros](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:10:48 AM  
**To:** [~House Election Law Committee](#)  
**Subject:** HB1527  
**Importance:** Normal

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[bgtrck458@gmail.com](mailto:bgtrck458@gmail.com)

603-969-6302

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**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 9:26:54 PM

**To:** [~House Election Law Committee](#)

**Subject:** NH House Remote Testify: 1:30 am - HB1527 in House Election Law

**Importance:** Normal

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Thank You

Anthony Ferrantello

Keene, NH

**Archived:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:19:09 AM

**From:** J

**Sent:** Monday, January 17, 2022 8:12:14 PM

**To:** ~House Election Law Committee

**Subject:** Please SUPPORT HB 1527

**Importance:** Normal

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**From:** [Nancy Cuning](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:04:26 AM  
**To:** [~House Election Law Committee](#)  
**Subject:** Support Bill HB 1527  
**Importance:** Normal

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**Archived:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:19:05 AM  
**From:** [newbeginning2@hushmail.com](mailto:newbeginning2@hushmail.com)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:25:38 PM  
**To:** ~House Election Law Committee  
**Subject:** Support for HB1470, HB1527, HB1252  
**Importance:** Normal

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Dear House Election Law Committee,

Thank you so much for your service to our wonderful state.

I am writing to urge you to support several bills to help us maintain election integrity in NH. I personally believe that election integrity is the most important issue we are facing, since all our other rights and freedoms stem from a fair and free election.

I closely followed the events that happened in Windham, and attended several meetings to try to understand what could have caused such a large discrepancy in the vote. As a result of what I learned, I also went to my own town hall in Goffstown to request the machine tapes to see if we also had problems. As I learned about duplicate tapes and overvotes, I realized how confusing and time consuming this process is to ensure we have transparent and fair elections. I would urge you to support the following bills:

**HB1470** Requires Voting Machines to show the number of Overvotes for each Race on the Ballot  
The Windham vote showed a machine error, when compared with the hand recount. The overvotes were incorrectly registered by the machines for those individuals. We need to know if the machines are not functioning properly.

**HB1527** Voting Machine Paper Tapes & Results for each Machine, for each Town Published on NH SOS Web Page.

I learned first hand how time consuming and confusing it is to go to my Town Hall to request the Voting Machine Tapes. It took several trips to get all the information, since I was given copies of duplicate tapes, but not all the originals. It is imperative to have access to this data to ensure election integrity for each town.

**HB1496** Mandate Voter Checklists are Available in Spreadsheet Format  
Allow for the access of voter checklists to allow the public to verify the integrity of elections.

**HB1252** Prohibits Any Business Organization That Receives Grants from the State of NH from Making Political Contributions to Candidates and Political Committees  
This bill is essential to ensure that organizations who receive grant money do not then make political contributions to the politicians that wrote and supported their bill. This is an obvious conflict of interest.

Thank you again for your consideration.

With gratitude,

Sandra Rigazio  
Goffstown, NH

**Archived:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 10:19:06 AM  
**From:** [Kathleen Brown](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 18, 2022 12:00:21 PM  
**To:** ~[House Election Law Committee](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT HB1527  
**Importance:** Normal

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Thank you,  
Lisa Barr

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**From:** [Debra Walker](#)  
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Good morning,

Please **SUPPORT** this legislation.

WHY:

(1) This is an election integrity issue.

(2) Having access to the voting machine data is essential for NH residents to help validate the integrity of each town's election.

(3) It is extremely time consuming to travel to each town to obtain copies of the paper tapes for each voting machine.

(4) It would be minimal effort for a Town Clerk to produce scans and/or images of the paper tapes and provide them to the Secretary of State for posting on the SOS website.

Sincerely,

Debra Walker

Hooksett, NH

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Please support HB 1470 & HB 1527

Mexico has a long history of election fraud, recently they instituted strict reforms.  
Did you know that the percentage of people voting rose from 59% before the reforms to 68% after?

It turns out that people are more likely to vote, not less, when they have confidence in the process, knowing that their vote matters!!

Thank you,  
Linda McGrath  
Hampton, NH

HB 1527-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2120

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HOUSE BILL            ***1527-FN***

AN ACT                relative to the storage of total vote counts produced by electronic ballot counting devices.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Yakubovich, Merr. 24; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 10; Rep. Verville, Rock. 2

COMMITTEE:          Election Law

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires local election officials to photograph or scan the receipts of total vote counts produced by electronic ballot counting devices, and requires the secretary of state to publish such photographs or scans on its website.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT                   relative to the storage of total vote counts produced by electronic ballot counting devices.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 New Section; Election Procedure; Preservation of Electronic Ballot Counting Device Vote  
2 Tallies; Publication by Secretary of State. Amend RSA 659 by inserting after section 103 the  
3 following new section:

4           659:104 Electronic Ballot Counting Device Receipts.

5           I. Immediately after an election, local election officials in any political subdivision that  
6 utilizes an electronic ballot counting device shall scan or photograph in their entirety the transaction  
7 log report, the zero totals report, and the election results report that includes the options settings,  
8 the sort settings, and the tally settings for each such device for that election. Election officials shall  
9 retain such reports indefinitely and shall forward the photographs or scans to the secretary of state.

10          II. The secretary of state shall publish on the department of state's Internet website every  
11 scan or photograph received pursuant to paragraph I for each election. If a political subdivision does  
12 not utilize electronic ballot counting devices, that information shall be published to state such fact.

13          III. The secretary of state shall publish on the department of state's Internet website, a  
14 publicly available spreadsheet document for each town that lists the data contained in every scan or  
15 photograph of the election results report received pursuant to paragraph I for each town's election.  
16 The spreadsheet shall keep the results from each device separate from the other machines, and shall  
17 be available for the public to download. If a political subdivision does not utilize such devices, that  
18 information shall be published to state such fact.

19          2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 1527-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
 AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT relative to the storage of total vote counts produced by electronic ballot counting devices.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**     State             County             Local             None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>Appropriation</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**LOCAL:**

<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill would require local election officials to photograph or scan the receipts of total vote counts produced by electronic ballot counting devices after any election and forward the images to the Secretary of State for posting in a database on the Department of State's website. The Department of State would also be required to publish a public spreadsheet on their website containing all digital data received from towns.

The Department of State indicates there would be an indeterminable increase in General Fund expenditures as the Department would need additional software enhancements to transfer data from scanned images to digital images on their websites as well as ensuring these postings are ADA compliant. Lastly, the Department states that to the extent towns do not yet have the technology to comply with this bill the State would have to provide the equipment.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association states there will be an indeterminable increase to local expenditures as the additional requirements in the bill for localities will require additional time by election officials on election nights resulting in increase personnel costs. The amount of increase in expenditures will vary by town

It is assumed the fiscal impact would not occur until FY 2023.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Department of State and New Hampshire Municipal Association